

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently a person may tow an unauthorized vehicle from a parking facility without the owner's consent and may attach a boot to the vehicle without the posting any of notice to that effect. H.B. 2996 prohibits a person from attaching a device to prevent the operation of such a vehicle without the proper posting on the parking facility of a notice warning of such a possibility.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2996 sets forth guidelines for the use of certain devices to prevent operation of improperly parked vehicles.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 684, Transportation Code, by adding Section 684.016, as follows:

Sec. 684.016. PROHIBITION ON USE OF CERTAIN DEVICES. Prohibits a person from attaching to an unauthorized vehicle located on a parking facility, a device intended to prevent the operation of the vehicle, unless a sign is installed on the parking facility that states that a device intended to prevent the operation of a vehicle is authorized to be attached to an unauthorized vehicle located on the facility. Provides that the sign must be installed in each location required for a sign under Section 684.031(a), 684.034, or 684.035, Transportation Code, as appropriate. Authorizes the sign to be installed on the same pole, post, wall, or barrier as the sign under Subchapter C, Chapter 684, Transportation Code.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.